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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Takayuki KURATA

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For: TIRE WEAR FORECASTING METHOD AND APPARATUS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 3, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

01 5/21/02  
1. (Amended) A tire tread wear forecasting method comprising:  
forecasting tire tread wear on a tire based on an increase in temperature of a tread surface part of the tire or based on a temperature of the tread surface part after increasing the temperature of the tread surface part, by causing the tire to come into contact with, and to be run on, a road surface.

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11. (Amended) A tire tread wear forecasting apparatus that forecasts the tread wear based on a temperature of a tread surface part of a tire after causing the tire to come in contact